

DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901

Meeting Minutes

Department of Education
Cabinet Room
Dover, DE
October 3, 2019
5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Gerald Allen, Amber Augustus, Terri Eros, Darren Guido, Sandra Hall, David Kohan, Byron Murphy, Fran O'Malley, Darlene O'Neill, Loretta Phipps-Greig, Mary Pinkston, and Sue Smith

Members Absent: Celeste Bunting, Jennifer Campbell, Earle Dempsey, and Holly Grandfield

Others Present: Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, representing the PSB; Kathleen Smith, PSB Administrative Assistant; Jon Neubauer, DOE; Deb Stevens, DSEA; Michael Curry, WilmU; Jenna Ahner, SBE; Linnea Bradshaw, Appoquinimink School District.

I. Opening

A. **Call to Order:** Byron Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Kathleen Smith conducted roll call for the meeting with 12 members present (Allen, Augustus, Eros, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith).

C. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Sue Smith and seconded by Gerald Allen to approve the October 3, 2019 agenda. **The motion carried unanimously** (12 – Yes: Allen, Augustus, Eros, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith; 0 – No).

D. Approval of Amended August 1, 2019 PSB Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the **Amended August 1, 2019 regular meeting minutes** as presented was made by Loretta Phipps-Greig and seconded by Terri Eros. **The motion carried** (10 – Yes: Allen, Eros, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, and Pinkston; 0 – No; 2 – Abstentions: Augustus and Smith).

E. Approval of September 5, 2019 PSB Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the *September 5, 2019 PSB regular meeting minutes* as presented was made by Fran O'Malley and seconded by Sue Smith. ***The motion carried*** (11 – Yes: Allen, Augustus, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith; 0 – No; 1 – Abstain: Eros).

F. Approval of September 5, 2019 PSB Executive Session Minutes

A motion to approve the *September 5, 2019 executive session minutes* as presented was made by Loretta Phipps-Greig and seconded by Darren Guido. ***The motion carried*** (11 – Yes: Allen, Augustus, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith; 0 – No; 1 – Abstain: Eros).

II. PSB's Executive Director Hiring Process Update

Byron Murphy announced that Dr. Linnea Bradshaw has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Professional Standards Board and hopes to start in mid-October. He thanked the Board for their work in that process.

III. Regulations

A. Recommendations from Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee:

1. 1521 Elementary School Teacher and Praxis Elementary Education: Content Knowledge for Teaching Social Studies Subtest

The PSB discussed the passing score for this subtest and the process in which the Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee (LCCC) determined that score. The Board discussed whether to accept the recommendation to publish the proposed changes or to request more information from ETS regarding the reasoning behind the recommended cut score and impact data.

A motion was made by Fran O'Malley and seconded by Terri Eros to table the proposed changes to Regulation 1521 – Elementary School Teacher and approval of Praxis Elementary Education: Content Knowledge for Teaching Social Studies Subtest for inclusion in the regulation. ***The motion carried unanimously*** (12 – Yes: Allen, Augustus, Eros, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith; 0 – No).

B. Regulation Published in *Register of Regulations* on May 1, 2019 and Tabled by PSB at August 1, 2019 PSB Meeting:

1. 1560 Art Teacher

The PSB considered the written submittals from the Delaware Association of School Personnel Administrators, the Delaware Arts Alliance, and Lorraine Poling.

A motion to propose Regulation 1560 – Art Teacher, in the form that was published on May 1, 2019, for adoption by the Department of Education subject to the State Board of Education’s approval was made by Loretta Phipps-Greig and seconded by Terri Eros. ***The motion carried*** (11 – Yes: Augustus, Eros, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O’Malley, O’Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith; 1 – Abstention: Allen).

C. Regulations Published in *Register of Regulations* on September 1, 2019:

1. 1549 Dance Teacher

The PSB considered the written submittals from the Delaware Association of School Personnel Administrators, the Delaware Arts Alliance, and Lorraine Poling.

A motion to propose Regulation 1549 – Dance Teacher, in the form that was published on September 1, 2019, for adoption by the Department of Education subject to the State Board of Education’s approval was made by Sandra Hall and seconded by Loretta Phipps-Greig. ***The motion carried*** (11 – Yes: Augustus, Eros, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O’Malley, O’Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith; 1 – Abstention: Allen).

2. 1558 Theater Teacher

The PSB considered the written submittals from the Delaware Association of School Personnel Administrators, the Delaware Arts Alliance, and Lorraine Poling.

A motion to propose Regulation 1558 – Theater Teacher, in the form that was published on September 1, 2019, for adoption by the Department subject to the State Board of Education’s approval was made by Fran O’Malley and seconded by Terri Eros. ***The motion carried*** (11 – Yes: Augustus, Eros, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O’Malley, O’Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith; 1 – Abstention: Allen).

3. 1563 Music Teacher

The PSB considered the written submittals from the Delaware Association of School Personnel Administrators, the Delaware Arts Alliance, and Lorraine Poling.

A motion to propose Regulation 1563 – Music Teacher, in the form that was published on September 1, 2019, for adoption by the Department subject to the State Board of Education’s approval was made by Terri Eros and seconded by Loretta Phipps-Greig. ***The motion carried*** (11 – Yes: Augustus, Eros, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O’Malley, O’Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith; 1 – Abstention: Allen).

4. 1501 Knowledge, Skills, and Responsibility Based Salary Supplements

A motion to propose Regulation 1501 – Knowledge, Skills, and Responsibility Based Salary Supplements, in the form that was published on September 1, 2019, for adoption by the Department of Education subject to the State Board of Education’s approval was made by Darren Guido and seconded by Loretta Phipps-Greig. ***The motion carried unanimously*** (12 – Yes: Allen, Augustus, Eros, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O’Malley, O’Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith).

IV. Prescribed Education, Knowledge, and Skill Requirements for Standard Certificates

Jon Neubauer, Associate Secretary for Educator Support at DDOE, stated that the DDOE does not support requiring an additional 15 credits across the board, while recognizing that there may be content areas from time to time that would warrant additional conversations, as in the case of the arts.

V. Standing Committee Updates

A. Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee

Sue Smith gave an update on the work of the LCCC. The committee met on September 11. They discussed the passing score for the Social Studies subtest in Regulation 1521 and voted to recommend the passing score to the PSB. The Committee also discussed their monthly meeting times and decided to continue meeting at 1:00 on the second Wednesday of each month. High school teachers can apply for the vacant position until Friday October 4, 2019. Appointment of new members requires Byron Murphy’s and Dr. Susan Bunting’s approval. The next LCCC meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2019.

B. Professional Development and Associated Compensation Committee

The October 9, 2019 meeting of the PDACC is cancelled due to lack of quorum. This committee meets bi-monthly and the next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2019.

VI. Other Items for Discussion Only

Mr. Murphy requested a PSB representative attend the State Board of Education meeting at 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2019. Sue Smith agreed to represent the PSB at that meeting.

VII. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Smith and seconded by Gerald Allen. ***The motion carried unanimously*** (12 – Yes: Allen, Augustus, Eros, Guido, Hall, Kohan, Murphy, O'Malley, O'Neill, Phipps-Greig, Pinkston, and Smith; 0 – No).

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.